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STATEMENT OF ACTING CHAIRMAN MICHAEL J. COPPS ON FORMER FCC COMMISSIONER DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE RECEIVING ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SOCIETY AWARD

I congratulate my friend and former FCC colleague Deborah Tate on receiving the ITU World Telecommunication and Information Society Award in recognition of her efforts to promote the online protection of children and young people worldwide.

During her time on the Commission, I was fortunate enough to experience first-hand Deborah Tate's leadership and tireless commitment on a wide range of issues regarding children and families, including the important task of protecting children in cyberspace. I know her work in this area will continue to inspire and make a positive difference in the years ahead.

The ITU could not have chosen a more deserving recipient.